(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether inter-changeable transfer and posting of doctors in ISM&H with the doctors posted at present in CGHS would be undertaken who can give administrative knowledge and skill; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Doctors are being transferred on the basis of functional requirements from one place to the other place.

Improvement of Medical Treatment in AIIMS

†1277. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether no concrete policy regarding improvement of medical treatment in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) hospital of the special category is being followed:

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that AIIMS has also failed in the field of quality and complete treatment, as well: and

(d) if so, the measures Government propose to take in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) a large number of Patients from all over the country including the neighbouring countries including come to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences for treatment. There is an abnormal rush in OPD in AIIMS. There is a proposal to improve the functioning of the Out Patients Department and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

decongestion of the rush in the OPD by starting screening OPD/extension of existing OPD.

News-item "New Agenda set for Reproductive Health"

1278. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "New agenda set for reproductive health" which appeared in the Hindu, dated the 15th November, 2002;

(b) if so, the financial support received from developed countries including USA for AIDS control and population stabilization programme for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the funds utilized for controlling AIDS and population stabilization during the said period, year-wise, category-wise;

(d) whether there is any fixed priority are in health for utilizing funds;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per statement (statement-I) (*See* below).

(c) As per statement (statement-II) (*See* below).

(d) to (f) No, sir. Priority areas for health spending are decided by the Planning Commission in consultation with the Ministry and the States. The current priorities as identified in the Approach Paper to Tenth Plan are reorganisation and restructuring of existing health care infrastructure including for ISMH at all levels, family welfare & disease control programmes including that for HIV/AIDS, emergency life saving services etc. Assuring availability of good quality ISM drugs, preservation, promotion, cultivation of medicinal plants/herbs etc. is also a priority.